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Los Angeles County Local Government Services Commission

AB 109 Ad-Hoc Committee Report, Commissioners Bagneris, Waite and Philips

The Los Angeles County Local Government Services Commission has thoroughly studied and reviewed several presentations regarding AB 109 and the challenges it presents going forward. As an example; the Los Angeles County Probation Department reported that they need to hire, train and deploy sixty additional staff members in response to the implementation needs of AB 109. Important concerns have been raised as to the requirement to house, process and release defendants is moving forward without the sixty extra Probation staff being retained, orientated, assigned and in place to adequately cope with the state mandate.

Also; during deliberations the Commission learned that the staff estimate of the cost associated with the implementation of AB 109 are rough estimates at best. It is RECOMMENDED that the departments affected by AB 109 should be asked to further detail what they conclude the actual costs will be and reflect those costs in their future departmental budgets.

AB 109 presents very serious social and fiscal challenges facing the County of Los Angeles and our region. Our hope is that, by working together, appropriate responses and program changes can be put in place that meet the transformation needs of the criminal justice system and are both operationally and fiscally practical.